



June 8, 2011

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: GN Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

Here in Natchitoches, we really take our "naturally perfect" slogan seriously. Our city is indeed a perfect place for enjoying beauty and recreation, and it's a perfect place for learning about history and for enjoying modern pursuits. That's why people love it here, whether they live here full-time or just visit. But is it possible to enhance and improve upon the perfection that occurs naturally? I think so.

You see, this perfection doesn't mean that our community is without challenges. Like many small, rural communities, many of the factors that make our lifestyle great also present challenges for modern life. One of those is the difficulty of accessing the most advanced communications technologies.

Without access to high-speed wireless broadband, many opportunities and capabilities are out of reach for residents and visitors of Natchitoches. But with this access comes educational and professional opportunities that can improve economic well-being and quality of life. For the Natchitoches area, availability of high-speed wireless Internet service will mean more chances for small businesses to expand and more opportunities for local economic development.

Fortunately, AT&T and T-Mobile have proposed a merger that will allow them to create an expanded, enhanced network, which will blanket over 97 percent of the country's residents. This combined company will bring access to high-speed wireless Internet to virtually all Americans in all communities, regardless of location or size. I'm excited about the possibilities that increased access to this technology will bring to my community now and in the future, and I hope you will support this merger. The end result will be a more perfect Natchitoches in which more opportunities are available to all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony De", is written over the printed name.

President&CEO

Natchitoches Area Chamber of Commerce